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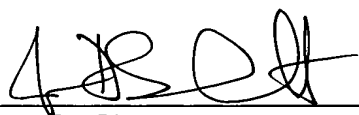
This application is a continuation application of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/552,669, filed on April 19, 2000. Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-20 and add new claims 21-51. Support for the new claims may be found at least in Figs. 1, 3 and 4 along with the associated specification teachings of the originally-filed application.

Applicants submit the claims are patentable over the prior art and respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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